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TITLE: Driver's slide air bag cover - has C-shaped tear seam biassing developing air=bag aim lateral direction and helps bias it in outward direction

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## BASIC-ABSTRACT:

An air bag module (2) is mounted on a steering wheel (5) includes an air bag cover having a C-shaped tear seam (1) which is opened upon the force of air bag (2) inflation. The C-shaped tear seam biases the deploying air bag in a lateral direction. The C-shaped tear seam on the air bag cover is normally oriented for deployment of the air bag in a direction laterally outboard of the driver.

The outboard deployment of the air bag is also helped by predisposing the C-shaped tear pattern to open first near the outboard side of the air bag cover by positioning a weakest portion (3) of the tear seam on the outboard side. Thus, the deploying air bag is biased generally laterally outward during deployment prior to deployment in a rearward direction.

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